

George C. Childress to Andrew Jackson, November 16, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GEORGE C. CHILDRESS TO JACKSON.

Nashville, November 16, 1834.

My Dear Sir, We see, from the New Orleans papers, that a proposition is made, in that city, to raise a fund to rebuild the Mansion House at the Hermitage, every individual in the United States, who may choose, to contribute *fifty cents* , and no more, in order that it may be in the power of *every man* , who may wish, to join in tendering to you this complimentary mark of public gratitude, and contributing to the repair and preservation of a residence which is almost looked upon as National property.

There is no doubt that an ample fund would be raised, in this manner, to rebuild the house, in the most elegant manner, and I write Sir, to know, if it would be agreeable to you to accept this complimentary token of gratitude at the hands of your admiring Countrymen.

With the highest respect, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Private Postscript. Gen Jackson will please designate (confidentially) in his answer (if he think proper to make one) whether I may have the liberty to give publicity to his letter.
G.C.C.

[*Indorsement in Jackson's hand:*] Mr. Childress to be answered. I respect as I ought the feelings that dictated the generous feeling in the proposition but cannot accept the boon. I am able to rebuild it, and hope whatever generosity the good people of Neworleans

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intended to bestow on me as a memento of their regard for my [public] services may be applied to some charitab[le] institution. A.J.